Food Processing Industry in Ratnagiri District

525. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the famous 'HAPUS' mango is being produced on a large scale in the Ratnagiri district of Konkan area and due to lack of food processing industries, the farmers are not able to get adequate profit;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to set up a food processing industry at Ratnagiri district of Konkan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) It is a fact that 'HAPUS' or 'Alphanso' mango is produced in large quantities in Ratnagiri district of Konkan area of Maharashtra State. A number of mango processing units have come up in Ratnagiri district including 5 units in large scale. This variety of mango besides being sold in the country for table purposes, is also being exported. There is no report of any distress sale of this variety of mango.

(b) No, Sir. The Government does not have any proposal for setting up a food processing industry in the Ratnagiri district of Konkan region.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Telecost of Marathi Feature Films

526. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Marathi feature films telecast on Doordarshan during the last six months in comparison to other regional feature films; and

(b) the steps being taken to increase the telecast of Marathi films?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) During the last six months, only one Marathi feature film was telecast on the National network of Doordarsthan because no other Marathi feature film fulfilling the eligibility criteria had been offered for telecast by the producers/right holders. The comparative figures for other languages are given below:

(i) Assamese	1
(ii) Bengali	4
(iii) Gujarati	1
(iv) Kannada	2
(v) Malayalam	3
(vi) Marathi	1
(vii) Oriya	1
(viii) Punjabi	1
(ix) Tamil	2
(x) Telugu	3

Besides the national telecast, Marathi films are telecast regularly once in every week on the Maharashtra regional network from Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay.

[*Translation*]

Sale of packed edible oils

527. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to sell edible oils in packs;

(b) if so, the objective thereof;

(c) whether the Government have noted that there is a great difference between the prices of oils sold in loose and that of packed oil; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to reduce this difference?